## Remarks

<u>Claims 1, 10, 26 and 30</u>

Applicants have amended the claims to clarify that an RFC, unlike a store buffer, also holds instruction results for non-store instructions. *Abramson*'s store buffers do not hold non-store instruction results. Therefore, *Abramson*'s store buffers are not an RFC.

<u>Claim 18</u>

The Examiner correctly asserts that *Abramson* has taught multiple comparators to compare the load address with store buffer addresses. However, *Abramson* has not also taught comparing the load address with store addresses in pipeline stages, i.e., with non-store buffer addresses. Applicants have amended the claim to clarify that the claimed pipeline stages which have store data are not store buffers.

<u>Claims 21 and 23</u>

Applicants have amended the claims to clarify the distinctive meaning of speculative store forwarding, which *Abramson* does not teach.

<u>Claim 34</u>

Applicants believe the distinctive meaning of speculative store forwarding to be clear in claim 34 and are therefore unable to amend the claim to make it more explicit.

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